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Fastest Growing Economy
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noted that India has lost its fastest growing major economy tag;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) and (b): As per the data released by Central Statistics Office on 31st May 2017, the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product at constant prices was 7.1 per cent in 2016-17. As per the information available from the World Economic Outlook Update (July 2017) of International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's growth rate in 2016 was the highest among the major economies of the world. International Agencies, like IMF, World Bank etc. have projected that India's growth in 2017 will be the highest among the major economies of the world.

(c): The Government of India has taken various steps to boost the GDP growth which, inter alia, include; fillip to manufacturing and infrastructure and concrete measures for transport and power sectors, as well as, other urban and rural infrastructure and comprehensive reforms in the policy for foreign direct investment. Government has also announced various measures in the Budget 2017-18 to promote growth in the economy which, among others, include push to infrastructure development by giving infrastructure status to affordable housing, higher allocation to highway construction and focus on coastal connectivity. The other growth promotion measures include: lower income tax for companies with annual turnover up to Rs 50 crore; further measures to improve the ease of doing business; and, a major push to digital economy. The Budget also targeted to provide higher agricultural credit and to increase employment significantly. The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has provided a significant opportunity to improve growth momentum by removing barriers to trade, business and related economic activities.
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